

Drawing AMENDMENTS

There are no amendments to the drawings.

Application No.: 10/677,767

REMARKS

The following claims are pending in the application: 1 – 92

The following claims have been amended: N/A

The following claims have been withdrawn without
prejudice: 22 – 47, 64 - 92

The following claims have been added: N/A

As a result of the foregoing Amendment, the following claims remain pending in the
application: 1 – 21 and 48 - 63.

Election/Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims between three groups of
claims:

Group I includes claims 1 – 21 and 48 - 63 drawn to a method for determining the
presence of bacteria in water;

Group II includes claims 22 – 46 and 64 - 90 drawn to an apparatus, a system, a buoy,
and a hand-held device; and

Group III includes claims 47 and 91 - 92 drawn to a method of developing an apparatus
for determining the presence of bacteria.

In response, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims drawn to a method
for determining the presence of bacteria in water, which are covered by claims 1 – 21 and
48 - 63. Applicant's election is without traverse.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following Amendment and consider the following Remarks. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and again examine the present application and claims in light thereof.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and accompanying remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is properly in condition for allowance and may be passed to issuance upon payment of the appropriate fees.

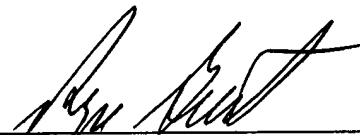
Telephone inquiry to the undersigned in order to clarify or otherwise expedite prosecution of the subject application is respectfully encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

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